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WARNING GIVEN AGAINST SMOKING

Two Doctors See Hazards In Using Cigarettes

Asheville, N.C., Sept. 18AP — People shouldn't smoke cigarettes.

That, in essence, was the message of two doctors who spoke today at the second advance seminar of the joint meeting of the Southern Tuberculosis Conference and the Southern Thoracic Society.

Dr. James C. Crutcher, of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Atlanta, said:

"If one takes immunizations to prevent certain diseases such as poliomyelitis or measles, if one offers diet to prevent coronary artery disease on the possibility that this may have some effect in fifteen to twenty years then at the same time it would seem that one should impress upon the American public the hazards of cigarette smoking."

Dr. Crutcher said lung cancer is the most common cause of cancer death in males over the age of 45.

He added, "There is an awesome responsibility upon the medical profession . . . to point out the unmistakable association at least between heavy cigarette smoking and cancer of the lung."

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Dr. Ross L. McLean, also of Atlanta, said smoking is one of the main causes of chronic bronchitis and pulmonary fibrosis diseases of the lungs.

Dr. McLean said there has been a "shocking increase in mortality rates" among patients suffering emphysema, swelling caused by air or gasses.

"Emphysema," he said, "is probably now more prevalent than is lung cancer and tuberculosis combined. Next to heart disease it is the cause of more social security disability allowances than any other disease."

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Plans for School Course On Smoking Effects Is Planned

DENTON—AP—Plans are being formulated for a state-wide course in Texas schools on smoking and its relation to cancer, an official of the State Department of Public Health said Monday.

"If they can see what smoking causes . . . what it does, then they might not start smoking," said Dr. W. S. Brumage. "And it has got to be made a part of the school child — like accident prevention."

Dr. Brumage, director of the health department's division of cancer and heart disease, was in Denton for the opening of a

2-week workshop for registered nurses on care of heart patients.

Dr. Brumage said interest is gaining about the proposed program but "it will be a year or two before there is anything definite done." The official said the project would be handled by teachers and physicians. Time for it might be set aside from physical education courses or it might possibly be included in science courses.

He added that it would be taught "not from a moralistic point of view," but strictly from physical effects.